

IBM Docket No. YOR920010260US2

REMARKS

Reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of any changes to the claims and the remarks herein. Please contact the undersigned to conduct a telephone interview in accordance with MPEP 713.01 to resolve any remaining requirements and/or issues prior to sending another Office Action. Relevant portions of MPEP 713.01 are included on the signature page of this amendment.

Applicants respectfully disagree with the Examiner's comments that applicants' clearly are not directed to substantially the same invention as the claims of US. Pub. 2002/0089874A1.

Claims 21-40 have been objected to in under 37 CFR 1.75 as being substantially duplicate of claim 1-20. Applicants respectfully disagree. Claim 1-20 are structure or apparatus claims, and claim 21-40 are method claims. Thus claims 21-40 are not substantially duplicates of claims 1-20.

Claims 1-40 have been previously rejected under 35 USC 101 as claim to the same invention of US Application No. 10/128,838, now issued as US patent 6,774,674. The claims of US 6,724,674 are not identical to claims 1-40 of the present application. Thus a double patenting rejection is not proper, applicants will submit a terminal disclaimer for the present application over US 6,724,674, when claims are allowable in the present application, if warranted.

Claims 41-60 have been rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as anticipated by Uver Wille et al. (US 4,464,437). Applicants respectfully disagree. The Examiner refers to Col 3, Claims lines 39-48 of Uver Wille et al., in which there is no teaching of applying at least one magnetic field.

In view of the changes to the claims and the remarks herein, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider the above-identified application. If the Examiner wishes to discuss the application further, or if additional information would be required, the undersigned will cooperate fully to assist in the prosecution of this application.

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If the above-identified Examiner's Action is a final Action, and if the above-identified application will be abandoned without further action by applicants, applicants file a Notice of Appeal to the Board of Appeals and Interferences appealing the final rejection of the claims in IBM Docket No. YQR920010260US2

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In the event that this amendment does not result in allowance of all such claims, the undersigned attorney respectfully requests a telephone interview at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

MPEP 713.01 states in part as follows:

Where the response to a first complete action includes a request for an interview or a telephone consultation to be initiated by the examiner,... the examiner, as soon as he or she has considered the effect of the response, should grant such request if it appears that the interview or consultation would result in expediting the case to a final action.

Respectfully submitted,

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